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In re Application of

John Vivian WOOD et al

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Application No: 09/514,759

Examiner:  
Michael H. Thaler

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For: A BIOCOMPATIBLE GRIPPING DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for three months' extension of time, i.e. until January 11, 2004, for reply to the Office Action dated July 11, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$950 for the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

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